

IV. REMARKS

The above-identified patent application is the United States National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2003/040520, filed December 19, 2003 which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/435,601, filed December 20, 2002.

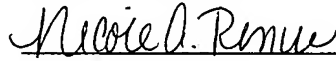
The Assignee has amended the claims section in this application to cancel multiple dependencies from the claims and to clarify claim language. Further, independent claim 40 and dependent claims 41-71 have been newly added. Claims 41-71 correspond to claims 2-32 respectively. Assignee notes that the amendments do not go beyond the disclosure in the application as filed. Similar claim additions and amendments were presented in the PCT under Article 34 and filed on March 31, 2005. However, the International Preliminary Examination Report did not enter the Article 34 amendments. Accordingly, Assignee has newly presented the article 34 amendments in this preliminary amendment. In addition, a priority claim has been added as the first sentence of the specification. All amendments of claims are to be done without prejudice and are not to be construed as a waiver of any right to file other applications such as continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part, or similar applications and have the remaining claims examined without any reduction in breadth.

V. CONCLUSION:

Claims 40-71 have been added and claims 2-7, 11-16, 19, 20, 22-25, 30-32, 38 and 39 have been amended. Assignee requests that claims 1-71 be examined as a single group and allowed at the examiner's earliest convenience.

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